## LDP-PS-REP-64

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Sent:

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To:

Local Development Plan

Subject:

Point regarding LDP Draft Strategy - Bridge Design

Dear Sir Madam,

I would be grateful for the opportunity to submit the following point on the Council's LDP Draft Strategy as a private individual:

## ADDITIONAL BRIDGES OVER THE RIVER FOYLE

- The draft strategy talks about the possibility of additional road and foot bridges over the River Foyle including to connect the new Derry Transport Hub to the Cityside.
- It is essential within this that the council makes clear that any new bridges added down-river from Craigavon Bridge should not decrease the 'air draft' (i.e. clearance space under them) available for maritime vessels.
- The Peace Bridge has a safe air draft of only 3.1m at high tide, which will make it difficult for commercial/tourist craft to operate on the stretch of the river between there and Craigavon Bridge.
- It is therefore essential that the design of any new structures spanning the river is mindful of this and do not further reduce the accessibility of the river to maritime craft.

Thanks for your help,

Steve Bradley